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Summary of the Guiding Policy towards Manchuria.

The fundamental policy of the Japanese Empire of guiding Manchuria is based upon the spirit of the Japanese-Manchurian Protocol and it is to develop Manchuria into an independent nation possessing indivisible relations with the Japanese Empire.

Essential Points.

1. Japan's guiding policy towards Manchuria will endeavor to harmonize the race and to make them enjoy life and duty in accordance with the characteristics of Manchurian society and in respecting the dignities of independence and old customs, thus giving light and contentment to high and low, officials or civilians, so that all people will strive to complete the great task of founding an empire. During this period, it is of course necessary to maintain consistently the latent activities of the Japanese Empire's directive powers.
2. Although positive guidance is operated in matters relating to Manchuria's fundamental constitution, national defense, public order and foreign policy, basic matters important in carrying out Japanese-Manchurian economics, and in important internal affairs concerning the establishment of the foundation of the empire, other matters are entrusted to the liberal activities of the authorities of Manchuria.
3. Directions towards Manchuria shall be executed substantially by Japanese officials under the jurisdiction of the commander of the Kwantung army and the Ambassador of Japan residing in Manchuria according to the system now in effect. As Japanese officials must be the nucleus in the execution of national affairs, the selection and nomination of the officials must be appropriate, and every possible measure must be made in order to convince them of the present directing policy, as well as to provide them with a center of their activities and to maintain the present system centered on the general affairs department so as to facilitate the administration.
4. Although Manchuria has a constitutional monarchy as its ultimate aim, she will maintain the present system for the time being, and the formal constitution shall be enacted after deliberate consideration.
It shall be kept in mind that political parties, or other political organizations in Manchuria, must not exist for the time being.
5. The Administration of Manchuria will abolish extreme centralization, and respecting traditional local autonomy will endeavor to harmonize it with

6. The army and naval armament of Manchuria shall be limited to that necessary for maintenance of internal public order. Nevertheless, the necessary defense equipments and armaments towards the neighboring countries shall be completed gradually when necessitated.
7. Relative to Manchuria's maintenance of public order, the inspective organizations must be specially completed in accordance with the specialty of the foundation of the empire, and the internal and external conditions of the said country, and must strive with communication by the Kwantung regiment to ward off beforehand all internal or external movements tending to destroy the nation. The ability of self-defense, which is the special character of Manchurians, must be utilized thoroughly concerning public order.
8. The foreign policy of Manchuria is founded on the foreign policy of our Empire which is to secure the peace of the East and to uphold the noble cause to the whole world, and she must act in concert with this policy. Although the open door and the principle of equal opportunity are maintained, application is limited to matters which are not restricted by the demands of national defense.
9. The aim of Manchurian economy lies in the national unification of Japanese and Manchurian economies in order to establish securely the foundation of our Empire's expansion of economic powers to the whole world, and at the same time to strengthen the economic powers of Manchuria, and also it must be planned to guarantee improvement and equity of national life.
10. Co-existence and co-prosperity of Japan and Manchuria is the spirit of Manchuria's economical development, and although those which are restricted by the demands of the national defense of our Empire are put under our power, others lie within the power of Manchuria and are adequately operated by fair and open economic activities of nationals or foreigners.
11. As the transportation and correspondence in Manchuria has an especially close relationship to national defense and maintenance of public peace, it is placed under the power of the Japanese government and the earliest possible consolidating completion and development of all establishments is desired.
12. The finances of Manchuria, though considering the appropriateness of the people's responsibility, must be quickly established, and at the same time fulfill the obligation of sharing the military expenses of the army stationed in Manchuria. Adequate measures may be taken on consideration of financial or other conditions in Manchuria relating to the utilization and collection of Japanese loans to China which concern Manchuria.
13. The education of Manchurians must be directed with the object of making them conscious of the indivisible relationship with Japan, to awaken in them the pride of possessing a special mission of creating peace in the East and to cultivate the ideal of harmonizing the five races. Also, stress must be laid on labor education, and business education must be promoted.

14. The system of laws must be quickly completed and the organization must be perfected respecting especially national characteristics and customs, concerning the jurisdiction of Manchuria, and to cultivate in all parts the good custom of obeying the law, as well as to establish foreign confidence so as to realize the gradual abolishment of extraterritorial jurisdiction.

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Upon deciding concrete plans based upon present essentials concerning the guiding policy towards Manchuria, it shall receive approval of the Committee of the Investigation of the Executive Policy towards Manchuria and Mongolia, the Financial Investigation Committee towards Manchuria, or the Japanese and Manchurian Industrial Administating Committee as usual when necessary, and those of especially great importance must be decided upon by cabinet meeting.